

**Index Number of Wholesale Prices
(Monthly Average)**

(Base 1981-82=100)

	November, 1991	December, 1991 (P)	January, 1992 (P)
Rice	223.7	228.0	237.7
Jowar	211.5	231.0	239.1
Bajra	209.8	251.7	267.7
Maize (Macca)	227.0	237.2	247.1
Ragi	164.7	169.8	174.0

(P) = Provisional

[English]

Restructuring of Oil and Natural Gas Commission

2711. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to set-up a Committee to examine the restructuring of Oil and Natural Gas Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) to what extent the restructuring of Oil and Natural Gas Commission will help to improve the oil exploration in the country;

(d) whether the Government are appointing another Committee for looking into the need for greater managerial and financial autonomy of public enterprises in the hydrocarbon sector;

(e) if so, -the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). Government has constituted a Committee to examine all aspects of the existing organisation of Oil and Natural Gas Commission and the need for its restructuring.

(c) This could be assessed only after knowing the recommendations of the Committee referred to above.

(d) and (e). Another Committee has been constituted by the Government to review the extent of managerial and financial autonomy and accountability of public sector enterprises in the hydrocarbon sector.

Food aid to Russia

2712. DR. RAVI MALLU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India provided any food aid to Russia;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such an aid is also being contemplated to Ethiopia; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI):

(a) Yes, Sir. Government have announced a contribution of Rs. 150 million to the Russian Commission for Humanitarian and Technical Assistance, as a gesture of friendship and in the tradition of mutual cooperation.